

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 5, 7-9, and 11-13, as presently amended, are pending.

Claims 6 and 10 are cancelled hereby, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants wish to thank Supervisory Patent Examiner Jill A. Warden for the courteous consideration rendered applicants' representative during an interview at the PTO on 13 May 2004. During the interview claims 5-13, previously allowed, were discussed. The examiner indicated that claim changes to more clearly define the invention were necessary. Accordingly, the examiner kindly agreed to prepare a proposed set of amended claims, which would be allowed if accepted. Applicants wish to again thank SPE Warden, for taking the time to provide the proposed allowable claims.

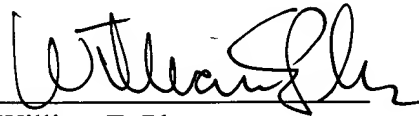
In accordance with the present Office Action claims 5-13 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, ¶2, for allegedly being indefinite. Reconsideration is requested in view of the instant amendment.

Present (amended) claim 5 corresponds to allowable claim 20 proposed by the examiner, revised to effect antecedent basis for the recited "device" and to effect other, commensurate changes. Present claims 7-9 and 11-13 correspond to claims 21-26 proposed by the examiner, respectively. Rejected claims 6 and 10 are cancelled, as proposed by the examiner. Accordingly, the §112, ¶2, rejection is overcome.

Favorable action is requested.

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